

“Giving principles from God’s Word”

Matthew 13:44

Principle: Money is a spiritual issue.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy and where thieves do not break in and steal.” Matthew 6:19, 20

“Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.” Proverbs 23:5

Principle: You can’t take it with you but you can send it on ahead.

6 giving principles:

1. God owns everything – I am his money manager

“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” Psalms 24:1

“The silver is mine and the gold is mine, declares the Lord Almighty.” Haggai 2:8

“Remember the Lord you God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth.”
Deuteronomy 8:18

“You are not your own; you were bought at a price.” 1 Corinthians 6:19, 20

2. My heart always goes where I put God’s money

“Where your treasure is, there your heart is also.” Matthew 6:21

3. Heaven, not earth, is my home.

“Then He (Jesus) said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” Luke 12:15

4. I should live not for the dot but for the line.

The dot

The line

Life on earth

Life in heaven

5. Giving is the only antidote to materialism

“Tell people to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and should give happily to those in need, always being ready to share whatever God has given them. By doing this they’ll be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven. It is the only safe investment for eternity and they will be living a fruitful Christian life down here as well.” 1 Timothy 6:17, 18

6. God prospers me not to raise my standard of living but to raise my standard of giving.

“The more you give, the more comes back to you, because God is the greatest giver in the universe and He won’t let you out give Him.” Luke 6:38